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SUBJECT: INDIAN INITIATIVE ON TORTURE

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1. ACTION CALLED FOR IN INDIAN PROPOSAL (TEXT IN REF. A)
IS OF SUCH AN EXTREMELY MODEST NATURE THAT, IF THIS WERE
TO BE THE ONLY ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNGA, IT WOULD
CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF FAILURE BY THE UNGA TO AGREE ON
ANY EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE TORTURE PROBLEM.
THE DECLARATION ON TORTURE, WHICH THE INDIAN DRAFT RES
WOULD PRETEND TO IMPLEMENT, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. ALL
GOVERNMENTS, IN VOTING FOR THE DECLARATION, BY IMPLICATION
DECLARED THEMSELVES AGAINST TORTURE. SEPARATE DEPOSITS OF
UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS AGAINST TORTURE WOULD BE AN
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ESSENTIALLY REPETITIOUS GESTURE WHICH WOULD DO LITTLE MORE
THAN ADD TO THE FLOW OF PAPER INTO AND AROUND THE UNITED
NATIONS.

2. AT BEST, THE INDIAN IDEA MIGHT CONSTITUTE ONE MINOR
ELEMENT IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION ON TORTURE.
THEREFORE, IF THE INDIAN SHOW OF INTEREST IN THE TORTURE

PROBLEM IS TO BE EXPLOITED, DEPT HOPES THAT USDEL CAN
PERSUADE INDIANS TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO ONE OF THE OTHER
PROPOSALS CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED. DEPT'S VIEWS ON
THESE NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN AS PRESENTED IN REF. B. VANCE

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